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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR ON NARCOTICS
PROBLEM

1. ON JUNE 21, SENIOR ADVISER MA;HEA FALCO AND WHITE HOUSE
SPECIAL ASSISTANT DR. PETER BOURNE HAD A LUNCHEON WITH
AMBASSADOR YAQUB-KHAN MAZARI. DURING THE COURSE OF THE
LUNCHEON, MS. FALCO AND DR. BOURNE RAISED THE PROBLEM OF
INCREASED ILLICIT OPIUM PRODUCTION IN PAKISTAN, NOTING THAT
PROJECTION FOR THIS YEAR'S CROP VASTLY EXCEEDED EARLIER
ESTIMATES. BOTH YAQUB-KHAN AND MAZARI WERE UNAWARE OF THE
DIMENSIONS OF THE PRODUCTION PROBLEM AND THE IMPLICATIONS
FOR U.S./PAKISTAN RELATIONS. DR. BOURNE NOTED THAT THE
ILLICIT PRODUCTION PROBLEM WAS A DEEP CONCERN OF HIS AND
THAT THE PRESIDENT TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE SITUATION.

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IN ADDITION, DR. BOURNE INDICATED THAT A NUMBER OF WESTERN
EUROPEAN NATIONS, WHICH ARE EXPERIENCING DRAMATIC INCREASES
IN HEROIN ADDICTION, ARE ALSO DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT
INCREASED ILLICIT OPIUM PRODUCTION IN THE PAKISTAN/AFGH;-
ISTAN REGIONS. BOTH FALCO AND BOURNE CONVEYED THEIR
UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPLEX POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS
WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FACES IN DEALING WITH

THIS PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE TRIBES.

2. YAQUB-KHAN RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN AWARE OF THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF THE PROBLEM, HE WAS INTERESTED TO LEARN OF THE POTENTIAL RAMIFICATIONS THE RAPIDLY INCREASING PRODUCTION MIGHT HAVE ON PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN NATIONS AS WELL AS WITH THE USG. HE REQUESTED SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF REFINING LABORATORIES IN PAKISTAN AS WELL AS TRAFFICKING ROUTES BY WHICH THE OPIUM OR REFINED MORPHINE PRODUCTS WERE REACHING THE WEST. YAQUB-KHAN EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, RAOFF ALI, AND HOPED THAT HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE U.S. WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRODUCTIVE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS REGARDING FUTURE STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. YAQUB-KHAN AND MAZARI APPEARED RESPONSIVE AND INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD CONVEY OUR CONCERNS TO THEIR GOVERNMENT. THE TONE OF THE LUNCHEON WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND ARGUES WELL FOR FURTHER DIALOGUE IN WASHINGTON ON THE PAKISTAN NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING PROBLEM.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN, YAQUB-KHAN WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT INCREASED NARCOTICS CONTROL WOULD BE IMPOSED, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE HE FELT THE SECRET

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NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO APPEASE MANY OF THE OPIUM GROWING FARMERS IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE SUPPORT FOR THE NEW REGIME. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE FELT THAT THE NEW REGIME WAS AT ITS MOST VULNERABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME AND, THEREFORE, WOULD REMAIN RECEPTIVE TO ASSISTANCE FROM WESTERN GOVERNMENTS BUT THAT WITHIN A YEAR THEIR RELIANCE ON SOVIET AND EASTERN BLOCK ASSISTANCE WOULD INCREASE TO THE POINT WHERE OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN COOPERATION WOULD BE SEVERELY LIMITED.

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